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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON GERALD E. SHANNON, CANADIAN
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO KOREA

1. BORN ON JUNE 8, 1935 IN OTTAWA, SHANNON STUDIED AT CARLETON UNIVERSITY (OTTAWA) AND JOINED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1963. HE HAS SERVED ABROAD IN WASHINGTON AND BELGRADE, AND SINCE 1974 AS DIRECTOR OF THE COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION IN EXTAFF. MR. SHANNON IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

2. COMMENT: IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION, SHANNON WAS FREQUENTLY AND DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY OTTAWA OFFICIALS IN TRADE DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS, BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL. HE WAS CONSISTENTLY WELL-INFORMED, FORTHRIGHT AND EVEN-HANDED IN HIS APPROACH. WHILE FIRM IN ADVANCING POSITIONS OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, HE COULD ACCEPT FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES IN U.S. VIEWPOINTS WITHOUT RANCOR OR EMOTION. ON BROAD RANGE OF INTERNAL ISSUES, HE SHARES MOST U.S. POSITIONS.

3. BY TEMPERAMENT, SHANNON IS CONGENIAL, RATHER HEARTY. AT SAME TIME, HE FREQUENTLY EXHIBITS WELL-HONED SKEPTICISM. SHANNON IS VERY PLEASED WITH SEOUL ASSIGNMENT, SEEING IT
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AS SIGNIFICANT PROMOTION (WHICH IT IS). HE HAS NOT SERVED BEFORE IN FAR EAST, AND KNOWS ALMOST NOTHING OF AREA EXCEPT TRADE MATTERS (CHIEFLY JAPAN AND TEXTILES). SHANNON HAS LONG BEEN WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY, AND SHOULD PROVE TO BE USEFUL AND RELIABLE COLLEAGUE. ENDERS

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